

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled, while claim 8 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 9 and 10.

The Examiner has rejected claims 5, 6, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,067,360 to Kasai et al. The Examiner has further rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kasai et al. in view of U.S. patent 5,412,732 to Kanishi et al. Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner has found claim 10 allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above, Applicant believes that the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections have been overcome.

Applicant believes that this application, containing claims 5-8, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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